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New Mexico National Guard to transfer Santa Rosa Readiness Center back to City

SANTA ROSA, N.M. - The New Mexico National Guard will transfer the readiness center at 1077 State Route 91, Santa Rosa, NM 88435 to the City of Santa Rosa at a “transfer ceremony” to be held Friday, December 17, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Brig. Gen. Miguel Aguilar, the deputy adjutant general of New Mexico, will sign over the ceremonial property deed to Mayor Nelson Harrison Kotiar.

The armory, which was built in 1991, was first home to Soldiers of Detachment 1, Battery B, 4th Battalion (Chaparral), 200th Air Defense Artillery which was re-organized as Detachment 1, Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 200th Air Defense Artillery Regiment in March, 2004.

Through Force Modernization, the 729th Forward Support Company was assigned here in January, 2008 which was re-organized as the 613th FSC in Las Cruces. In December 2008, Detachment 1, 720th Transportation Company was organized, assigned and is the last NMNG unit to occupy the Santa Rosa Readiness Center.

“The armory and surrounding property provided a great military purpose over many years, a place for Soldiers to train and do a very important mission - to keep this great nation safe and secure,” said Maj. Gen. Ken Nava, the adjutant general of New Mexico. “Thank you to the citizens of Santa Rosa for your support of our Soldiers over the years. I assure you that if an emergency arises in the area and the New Mexico National Guard is called upon to assist, we will be here for you.”

The transfer signifies the end of a training era filled with many memories for the New Mexico Army National Guard and a new beginning and purpose for the citizens of Santa Rosa.

Media representatives are invited to attend the transfer ceremony. For more information please contact Joseph Vigil at 505-553-1427 or joseph.l.vigil2.civ@army.mil

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